

Appl. No. 09/892,678
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REMARKS

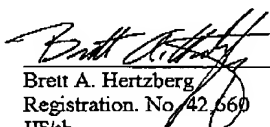
Claims 1-17 were pending in this application before submission of this paper. Claims 1, 7 and 13 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-17 of copending application No. 09/892679. Claims 2-6, 8-12, and 14-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 14 are amended. Claims 2 and 8 are cancelled. Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-17 are currently pending in this application. No new matter has been added to the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection in view of the following remarks.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of Claim 2. Independent Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitation of Claim 8. Independent Claim 13 has been amended to include a limitation recited in Claim 14. The added limitations to the independent claims overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and put the claims in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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